1	2	3	4	5
Other Backward Classes				
9.	Assistance to VOs for OBCs	Nil	5.11	2.59
10.	Pre Matric Scholarship for OBCs	Nil	73.19	Nil
11.	Post Matric Scholarship for OBC students for studying abroad	Nil	25.92	Nil
12.	Pre-Examination Coaching for OBCs	Nil	0.72	Nil
Welfare of Persons with Disabilities				
13.	Scheme to Promote Voluntary Action for Persons with Disabilities	55.85	35.18	81.71
14.	Scheme of Assistance to disabled persons for purchase/fitting of Aids & Appliances	0.00	94.51	286.00
15.	National Programme for Rehabilitation of Persons with Disabilities	148.9	108.2	*
Social Defence				
16.	An Integrated Programme for Older Persons	15.22	6.89	10.35
17.	Prevention of Alcoholism and Substance (Drug) Abuse	1.92	17.28	30.10

* Transferred to States.

Criteria for Grant of Old Age Pensions

3219. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR :
SHRI MURLI DEORA :

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of persons getting old-age pension in the country, State-wise;

(b) the criteria laid down for the grant of such pensions;

(c) whether influential and rich people from high castes are getting pensions due to manipulation whereas actually poor persons have been deprived; and

(d) if so, whether Government propose to inquire into this matter and recover the amount from the rich persons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SANJAY PASWAN) : (a) and (b) The Ministry of Rural Development had been administering the National Social Assistance Programme which comprised the National Old Age Pension Scheme (NOAPS) and the National Family Benefit Scheme (NFBS) until the Scheme was transferred to the State Plan from the financial year 2002-03. Under the National Old Age Pension Scheme (NOAPS), the Central Assistance was being made available to the States/UTs for payment of monthly pension of Rs. 75 to the destitute aged 65 years and above. The Number of beneficiaries reported by the States/UTs for the last three years under the national Old Age Pension Scheme (NOAPS) before the Scheme was transferred to the States/ UTs are given in the enclosed Statement. (See below). The information regarding old destitute persons receiving pension under the State Schemes is not maintained by the Ministry of Rural Development.

(c) No irregularities regarding manipulation have been brought to the notice of the Ministry of Rural Development.

(d) Does not arise.

Statement

Number of beneficiaries reported by the States/UTs, under National Old Age Pension Scheme for the years 1999-2000 to 2001-2002

Sl. No.	States/UTs	1999-2000	2000-01	2001-02
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Andhra Pradesh	466000	466001	466000
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	2347	1205	2480
3.	Assam	85052	262719	287573
4.	Bihar	741195	509938	639086
5.	Chhattisgarh	—	146519	140576
6.	Goa	2195	2122	3270
7.	Gujarat	63862	68108	62755
8.	Haryana	33201	35993	50172

1	2	3	4	5
9.	Himachal Pradesh	15176	25250	23291
10.	J & K	31291	33620	16413
11.	Jharkhand	—	175437	151990
12.	Karnataka	228309	258402	183265
13.	Kerala	119507	114698	141165
14.	Madhya Pradesh	586400	429490	442484
15.	Maharashtra	330948	319144	388597
16.	Manipur	5836	25972	27354
17.	Meghalaya	9102	18743	32685
18.	Mizoram	4094	10523	10523
19.	Nagaland	5917	18045	8105
20.	Orissa	330272	384174	492366
21.	Punjab	32859	40283	45265
22.	Rajasthan	451325	148815	101460
23.	Sikkim	2400	10104	10104
24.	Tamil Nadu	398791	339481	314362
25.	Tripura	15507	57912	60227
26.	Uttar Pradesh	940539	841340	944758
27.	Uttaranchal	—	50097	45002
28.	West Bengal	350810	352016	331224
29.	A & N Islands	NR	14	0
30.	Chandigarh	1763	2532	2714
31.	D & N Haveli	252	895	0
32.	Daman & Diu	262	229	241
33.	NCT Delhi	24156	NR	0
34.	Lakshadweep	NR	23	41
35.	Pondicherry	1500	4179	4180
	TOTAL :	5280868	5154023	5429929

NR : Not Reported.